V.—STATEMENT OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR EXCESS EXPENDITURE IN 1950–51.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, in the unavoidable absence of the Hon. the Finance Minister, who is at present engaged in the other House I present the statement of Demands for grants for excess expenditure in 1950–51. The appropriations originally provided for in the Budget Estimates can never be expected to tally entirely with the actuals, and excesses under some grants are inevitable. The explanatory note appended to the statement gives the reasons for the excesses in each case. The Public Accounts Committee at its meetings held in November and December 1954 examined the reasons for the excesses and recommended that demands for grants to cover the excess expenditure over the final sanctioned appropriation under each grant might be presented to the Legislative Assembly. The recommendation of the Committee for the presentation of demands for grants for excess expenditure in 1950–51 was made only towards the close of the calender year 1954 and action for moving the demands for excess grants could not be taken till now, owing to pressure of other legislative business." 5-10 p.m.

VI.—DISCUSSION ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS[a].

SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move—

> ' *That an humble address be presented to the Governor that the Members of the Madras Legislative Council thank him for the Address delivered to the Members of the Legislature on the* 1st *August* 1955.'

" It is gratifying to find, Sir, that the Government have done something substantial for the welfare of the people in this State, particularly in the field of irrigation and we are glad that the Governor's address reveals the anxiety of the Government to speed up the progress of our march towards a socialistic pattern of society. In this context, we should hail the assurance given by the Governor that the schemes formulated by the Government for inclusion in the Second Five-Year Plan will be finalised only after Hon. Members of this House have had an opportunity of discussing them. This is certainly in keeping with the democratic principles and traditions and we should be grateful for this gesture of goodwill on the part of the Government. Let us hope that, with the launching of these new schemes under the Second Plan, our State will usher in a new era—an era of developmental activities calculated to bring prosperity and happiness to the people of this State.

" Sir, even though I do not intend to expatiate on the several policies and programmes outlined in the Governor's Address, I would like to touch upon a few matters which are relevant to the

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 75—82, infra.